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SUBJECT:MAY 11 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 11, 1977:

1. EMBASSY MOGADISCIO QUESTIONS VOA REPORT

EMBASSY MOGADISCIO POINTS OUT AN APPARENT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICIAL POSITION AND A VOA NEWS REPORT THAT PORTRAYS SOMALIA AS ONE OF FOUR NATIONS WHICH HAVE ACTIVELY HELPED TERRORISTS. IT URGES A PROMPT CLARIFICATION, AND BELIEVES REMEDIAL ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASSUAGE SOMALI SENSIBILITIES IF THE VOA REPORT IS INDEED IN ERROR. (MOGADISCIO 762, CONFIDENTIAL)

2. BHUTTO HOPES FOR POLITICAL SETTLEMENT SOON

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IN A MAY 10 PRESS CONFERENCE, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO REITERATED CHARGES OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN PAKISTANI DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. HE ALSO INDICATED HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS, AND HOPED SOME PROGRESS TOWARD A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT COULD BE ATTAINED WITHIN A DAY OR TWO. EMBASSY ISLAMABAD ALSO REPORTS KARACHI WAS LEFT PARALYZED MAY 11 BY A "HARTAL" CALLED BY

THE OPPOITION TO PROTEST BHUTTO'S REPRESSIVE MEASURES.
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3. AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS DELAY IN TASS VISA

AMBASSADOR TOON BELIEVES THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD RECONSIDER
ITS DECISION TO ISSUE A VISA TO TASS CORRESPONDENT
LEVCHENKO UNTIL THE SOVIETS CONVEY ASSURANCES THEY WILL
GRANT A AISA TO UPI CORRESPONDENT NADLER. WITH THE SOV-
IETS MOUNTING A PUBLIC CASE AGAINST EMBOFF PRESEL, THIS
IS NOT THE TIME TO WEAKEN OUR INSISTENCE ON RECIPROCITY.
(MOSCOW 6485, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS) CHRISTOPHER

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